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## Sports Car In the Drink

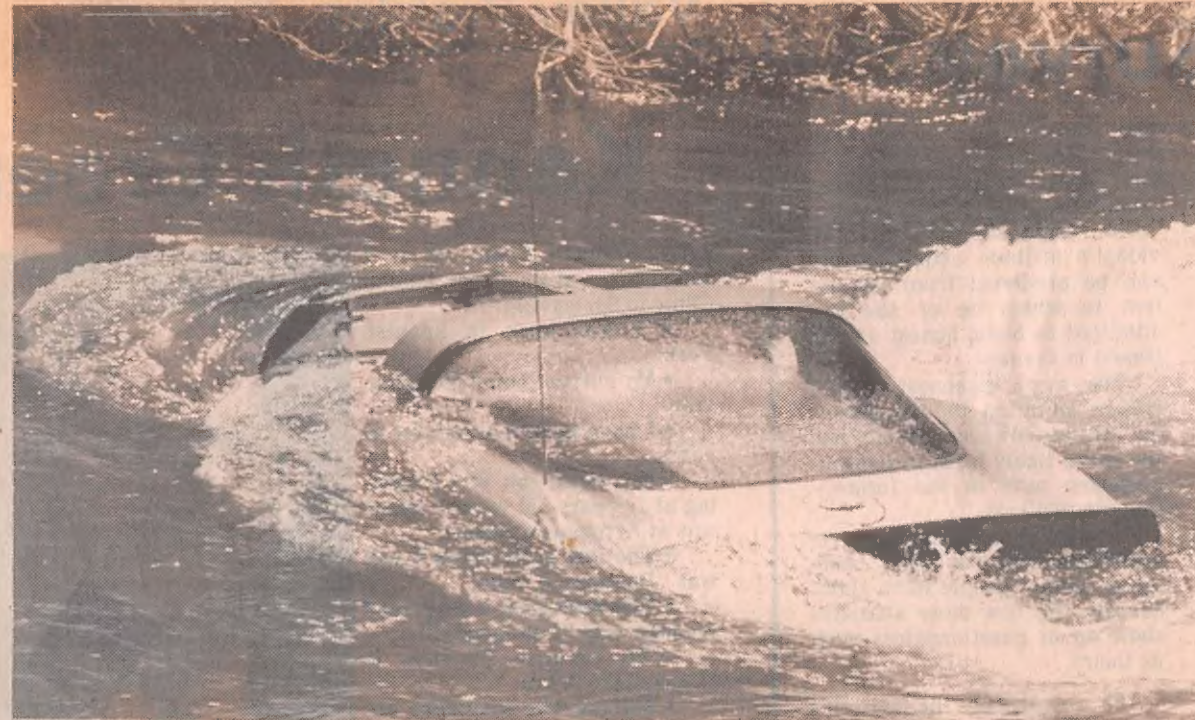
A 22-year-old New Mexico motorists drove his 1982 Chevrolet Corvette into the Provo River early Sunday morning.

But the driver managed to escape the swift, cold waters uninjured.

Utah Highway Patrol troopers who investigated the accident, that occurred at five minutes after midnight, reported that J. Creg Cook, 22, left the Provo Canyon highway one mile east of the Vivian Park turnoff and landed in the river right-side-up.

The sports car with New Mexico license plates that read "SKI UTAH" was listed as totaled by the UHP investigating officer.

Professional underwater divers helped remove the vehicle from the river Sunday afternoon.



# Canyon Melon Salad;

## A Rough Day for Trucks

20 sep 1985

Two separate accidents involving cantaloupe-carrying semi-trucks and trailers threatened to turn Provo Canyon into fruit salad Sunday. There were no serious injuries reported in either accident and the fruit remained inside the trailers of both trucks.

The first occurred at just before 9 a.m. when the driver of a semi-truck lost control of his truck and slid into a southbound jeep on SR-189.

The second occurred at approximately 12:30 just east of the Sundance turnoff on SR-189. The driver of the truck apparently lost control of the truck coming around a turn and tipped over on its side.

There were no other vehicles involved in the second accident. A third rollover, involving a single car, also occurred near Cascade Springs in the canyon. It marked three rollovers within a 7-hour period Saturday.

It is not known if shifting cantaloupes contributed to either of the first two rollovers. The cantaloupes were transferred to other trucks.



# Provo Canyon Car Rollover Claims One

21 Nov 1985

A one car rollover in Provo Canyon on Friday claimed the life of Gloria Brown, 51, of Orem, and resulted in serious injuries for two passengers in the car which Brown was driving.

According to Utah Highway Patrol personnel the vehicle apparently crossed over the southbound lane and then went off the shoulder of the road and down an embankment. The car rolled 1 1/2 times before it came to rest; the driver and the passengers in the car were ejected in the accident.

Injured in the one car accident were Carole Haggerty of Wallburg who was listed in critical condition after being transported to University Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Also injured in the rollover was a second passenger. William Applegate, 63, of Heber City, who is listed in stable condition by spokesperson from Wasatch County Hospital.

The accident occurred on U.S. Highway 189 approximately seven miles south of Heber City.



1 Dec 1985



Dennis Patterson Photos

## Winter Storm Makes State Slippery

By Daily Herald Staff  
And Associated Press

1 Dec 1985 - Sun

A major winter storm Saturday left roads in southern Utah slick and blanketed with white Saturday while dumping nearly a foot of snow in the northern and central mountains, authorities said.

Roads in Central Utah were slick for awhile Saturday as the driver of an Allied Van Lines truck unfortunately discovered. The truck came to rest just short of the

Provo River Saturday morning after sliding on the icy road (above).

A travelers advisory was issued for all the state's mountains and parts of Central Utah, the National Weather Service said. Heavy and blowing snow was reported along Interstate 15 from central Utah's Levan to Cedar City in the southern part of the state, and across the Sevier Valley south to near Fremont Junction.

Snow also fell along Interstate 80 from Tooele in western Utah east to the Great Salt Lake. However, the Utah Highway Patrol had

no reports of road closures.

An avalanche warning was in effect for back country of the northern Wasatch mountains from Spanish Fork Canyon in Utah County to Parley's Canyon, east of Salt Lake City.

Bill Alder, meteorologist in charge of the weather service's office at the Salt Lake International Airport, said Utah already broke a state record for precipitation Friday after rain boosted the month's water total to 2.59 inches, eclipsing the previous November record set in 1934.





Volunteers and emergency personnel work to free victims of a crash in Provo Canyon.

Dennis Patterson Photo

## Three Hurt in Provo Canyon Collision

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**ACCIDENT** — Three people were injured in a three-vehicle collision in Provo Canyon Thursday just before noon. The crash occurred about one mile east of Bridal Veil Falls.

Injured in the crash were David S. Hyatt, 22, of Heber, Ben G. Brown, 29, of 556 W. 800 N., Provo, Ellen Brown, Provo. Utah Valley Regional Medical Center officials this morning listed Mr. Brown as serious but stable and Ellen Brown and Hyatt in satisfactory condition. Dennis Creag-

er, 49, of Fullerton, Calif., escaped serious injury.

Police said the accident occurred after the westbound Hyatt vehicle went out of control and slid into the on-coming lanes.

**THEFT** — Tools valued at \$733 were stolen from the bed of a truck parked outside a Springville residence at 261 W. 200 S., reports Springville Police. The theft occurred between Monday and Tuesday while the victims were at home.

**BURGLARY** — Burglars en-

tered the Timpanogos Elementary School, 449 N. 500 W. in Provo and stole two tape recorders, a record player and cassette tapes, all valued at \$250. Police said the burglary occurred sometime between Dec. 30 and Jan. 2. Damage to the school was estimated at \$100.

**SHOOTING** — A 23-year-old Provo woman remains in serious condition from a gunshot wound. Provo police were dispatched to a motel Thursday at 1555 N. Canyon Road in Provo after someone

telephoned and said their friend had called them and said they intended to kill themselves. Police said they apparently arrived shortly after the woman was shot in the chest.

**AUTO BURGLARY** — Provo police are investigating the theft of tennis rackets, a watch and cassette tapes valued at \$275 from a vehicle parked at 855 E. 700 N. in Provo.

The burglary occurred between Dec. 15 and Jan. 1, and \$100 damage was caused during the breaking in.



1, Sunday, February 9, 1986



Steve Olsen Photo

## Children Injured in Provo Canyon Accident

A 15-year-old Provo girl and four passengers in the car she was driving, ranging in age from 8 to 17, were injured Saturday when she lost control of the car and crashed into a stopped vehicle on slick roads in Provo Canyon. Each of the passengers and the driver were taken to Utah Valley

Regional Medical Center. The driver and a 9-year-old passenger suffered lacerations; an 8-year-old in the car suffered a broken foot; a 12-year-old had internal injuries; and a 17-year-old passenger was treated for a broken arm. All but the 17-year-old are members of the same family.

The 15-year-old was westbound on SR-189 when she lost control of the 1982 Mercury Lynx station wagon she was driving and crashed into a Monte Carlo driven by Laird D. Billings of Orem, according to Julie Hatchett, Highway Patrol dispatcher. Hatchett said Billings, driving east on SR-

189, stopped when he saw the approaching vehicle spin out of control, but the car crashed into the vehicle he was driving at approximately 5:30 p.m. Neither Billings nor Helen Billings, his passenger, were seriously injured. No one was cited in the accident, but officers are still investigating the crash.



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## Trucker Dies in Canyon Crash

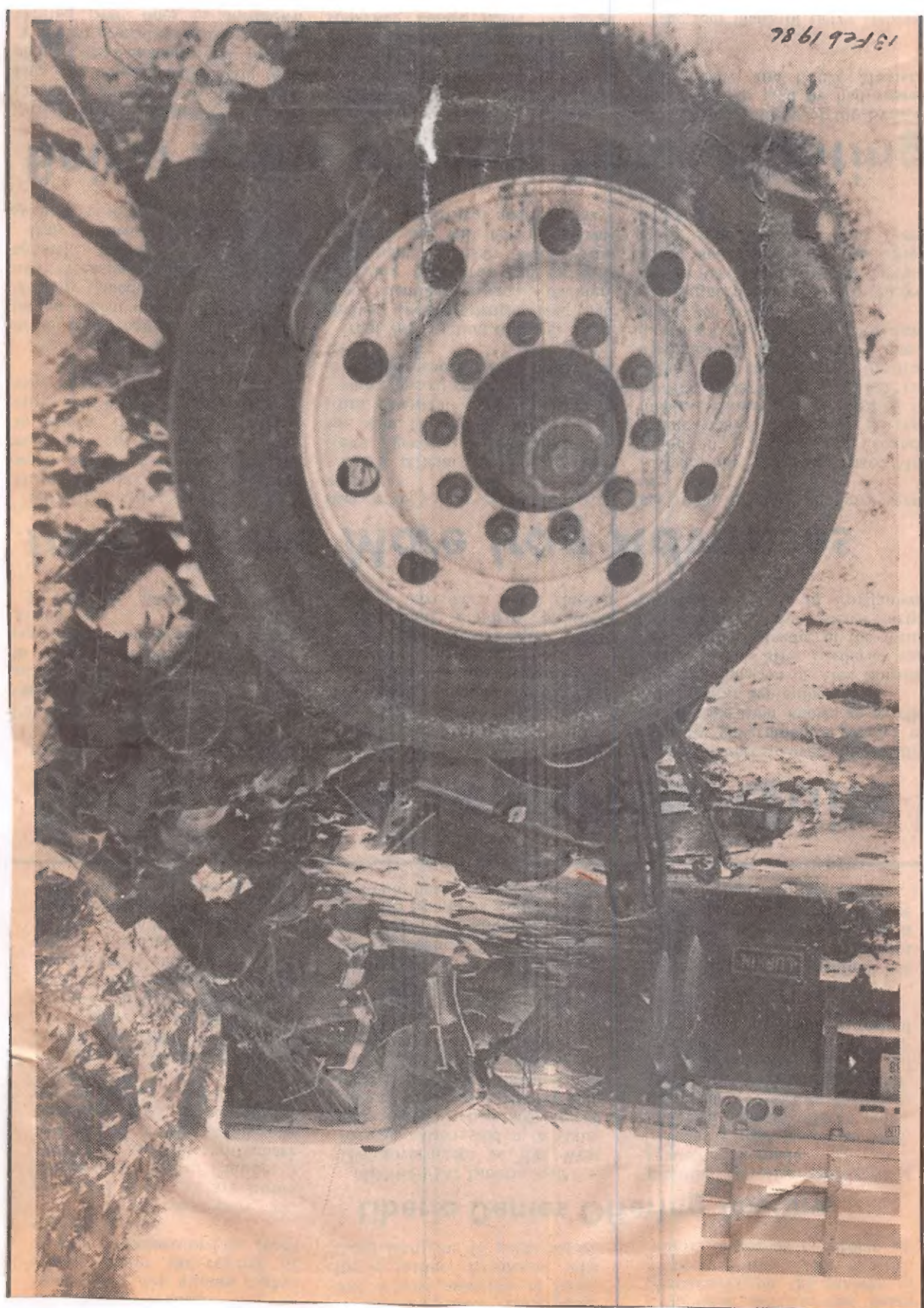
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HEBER — A St. Cloud, Minn., long-haul truck driver was killed in Provo Canyon Wednesday afternoon when he apparently lost control of his vehicle 7 miles south of Heber and crashed into a rocky embankment near Deer Creek Reservoir (above). Utah Highway Patrol spokeswoman Carol Spencer said that truck driver Bruce D. Bennett, 34, was killed in the single-vehicle

accident and had been thrown from the cab of his tractor during the accident. The spokesman said the driver received chest and head injuries in the accidents. The crash occurred around 4:30 p.m. near Rainbow Bay. Authorities said the road was extremely slick, and added that it appeared that the eastbound truck slid as it rounded a curve.

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# Tragedy Ends Family Trip

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Five members of an Evanston, Wyo., family coming to visit the Ramses II exhibit in Provo were killed Monday as their car struck an oncoming semi-truck trailer, then plunged into the Provo River.

Officers called to the scene just west of the Claim Jumper restaurant were advised a car might be involved in the accident but were unable to find it until a witness pointed it out to them, according to a spokesman with the Utah Highway Patrol. The car was discovered upside down, submerged in the Provo River.

The victims were Lee Smith Barker, 45; LaRhea Barker, 40; and three children: Bill, 16; JanaLee, 14; and Anne, 8.

The truck, driven by Dannie Prescott, a 33-year-old Nebraska man, apparently went around a corner too fast and overturned. Prescott, who was wearing his seat belt, escaped injury.

"The truck was either on its side or going onto its side when it struck the car," said Kelly Blocker of Cross International Search and Recovery. Blocker said the car apparently hit the refrigeration unit and the truck driver was not aware another vehicle was involved in the accident.

Blocker indicated it was about two hours after the accident before the family members were all pulled out of the wreckage. The driver had to be mechanically disentangled, he said.

The only remaining member of the family is Marsha, 19, a student at Brigham Young University at Hawaii. A family friend, Alan Graban, said the family would have left this Thursday for a vacation to Hawaii to see the daughter.

Graban is president of First Wy-



Brian Tregaskis Photo

A rescue team works to free bodies from the Provo River Monday.

oming Bank in Evanston. Lee Barker was his executive vice president.

"They left that afternoon to go see the Ramses exhibit," Raban said. "They were supposed to go last Thursday or Friday, but something came up and Lee said, 'Well, we'll just go later.' I wish to h--

he'd gone then."

He said they were to be in Provo at 4:30 p.m. for the exhibit. The accident occurred at about 4:05 p.m.

Lee Barker, a BYU graduate, was bishop of the Evanston 7th Ward in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The

son, Bill, was a musician at Evanston High School, and the older daughter, JanaLee, was a cheerleader.

The top of the Camaro car was sheared off, either when it hit the semi trailer or when it went into the Provo River.







# 5 in Wyoming family killed as truck rolls and shoves their car into Provo River

**PROVO CANYON** — Five members of a Wyoming family were killed Monday in a car-semitrailer truck accident on U.S. 189.

The Utah Highway Patrol identified the victims as Lee Smith Barker, 45; LaRhea Barker, 30; Bill Barker, 16; Jana-lee Barker, 14; Ann Barker, 8, all of Evanston, Wyo.

A UHP report said the accident occurred at 4:05 p.m. when the eastbound semitrailer truck rounded a curve too fast and tipped over on top of the westbound Barker vehicle. The accident was near the Claim Jumper Restaurant at the mouth of the canyon, said Trooper Doug Rawlinson.

The impact of the collision pushed the Barker car into the river. Divers worked for several hours to recover the vehicle and the bodies of the victims.

Initially, there was some confusion as to whether a vehicle actually had gone into the river. Witnesses finally confirmed that there was a car in the river, with only its wheels visible. The car had gone into the river at one of the road's most dangerous points, according to UHP dispatcher Diane Quarnberg.

The driver of the truck, Danny Prescott, 33, Nebraska,

was not injured. His 18-wheel rig, carrying frozen foods, rolled several feet down the embankment but did not go into the river.

The accident was still being investigated Tuesday, the UHP said.

The Barker car came to rest upside down in the river. It was not immediately apparent if the family members were killed as the car rolled or if they drowned. The parents both suffered head injuries.

The victims were taken to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, where medical personnel tried for about two hours to resuscitate them, said hospital spokesman Jerry Sorenson. The victims' bodies had cooled in the river, and it was hoped that lowering of the body temperature might make it possible to revive some of the family members. However, resuscitation efforts were not successful.

Orem police officers were first to respond. Ultimately, about 50 people were involved in attempts to rescue the trapped family. Ropes were strung across the river to aid in the attempt. Some individuals in wet suits worked at getting the crushed vehicle open to remove victims.



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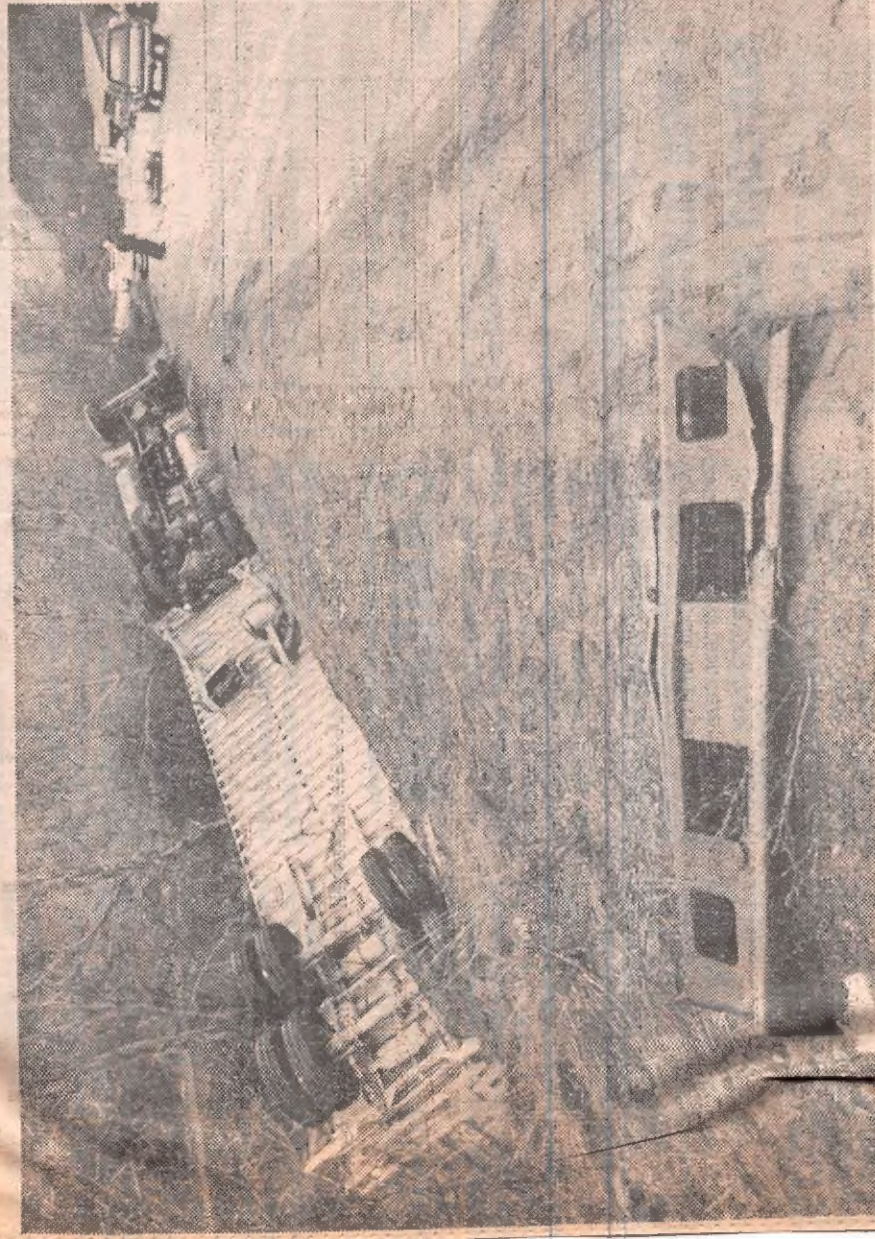
Rescue workers try to open the crushed vehicle, which went off U.S. 189 at a curve.



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Weather/B2  
Business/B4-7

Tuesday, March 11, 1986

# Utah



The 18-wheel rig rolled several feet before coming to rest near the river, but the driver was unhurt.



Clad in a wet suit, a worker strings a rope across the river. Some 50 rescuers were at the scene.